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http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hfnewsletter/

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Hello, everyone. Welcome to the July 2006 edition of the Radio HF Internet Newsletter. I welcome any new subscribers to this publication. We have a selection of links to web sites which I hope you will find informative and entertaining.

It has been a very busy month of June for me resulting in a later than usual distribution of this month's Newsletter. Montreal's annual Jazz Festival wrapped up in Montreal today and, with other commitments taking priority, I didn't have a chance to catch a single concert this year; quite disappointing. It's really a shame just how quickly the summer is passing by.

Thanks again to everyone who supported this year's Baillie Birdathon. I would particularly like to thank everyone for getting your pledges in as quickly as you did. Each of you will be receiving a full report on results of the Birdathon shortly.

Now on to this month's collection of web sites. Our Monthly Special Zone for July includes sites dealing with World Population Day and with the Special Olympics, marking Special Olympics Day on July 20th.

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THE MONTHLY SURVEY

LAST MONTH'S SURVEY

Last month's question was: Which country do you think will win the 2006 FIFA World Cup?

Well, it seems that very few of you were caught up in the hype of the World Cup. I think this was our lowest response ever to a survey question. Only 5 responses were received. Italy got two votes; and one vote each for Germany, Argentina and the Ukraine.

THIS MONTH'S SURVEY

This month, let's touch on dream travel destinations again. There are many events around the world that draw thousands of people to them. It might be the Olympic Games, the Super Bowl, the solstice at Stonehenge, Christmas Eve in Nativity Square, even the running of the bulls in Pamploma. I've always had a lifelong dream to be sitting at centre court for the Wimbledon tennis championship. Maybe one of these years!

Is there one special event that takes place somewhere in the world that you would like to attend at least once in your lifetime? If so, what and where would it be?

Please send your response, by e-mail, to hfnewsletter@...

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THE COMMENTS ZONE

Tas Richardson, Calgary, Alberta: I enjoy each newsletter very much and wouldn't want to miss them. I enjoyed the D-Day web site. Following it with the Father's day site was very appropriate for me as my dad who served in the Royal Canadian Engineers went over to France the day after D-Day. He joined up in 1940 and went overseas the following spring. My mom and I did not see him again till Sept. of 1945. Brings back a lot of memories of course.

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THE CONTRIBUTORS ZONE

It's a rather disappointing turnout of contributors this month. Besides my own submissions, and Yahoo items, only two subscribers came through with sites this month. Your input is always appreciated. Let's try to bump up those numbers next month. Thanks to Daniel and Elmer.

Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec
Daniel Sampson, Arcadia, Wisconsin
Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia
Yahoo Weekly Picks

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THE MONTHLY SPECIAL ZONE

UNITED NATIONS POPULATION FUND'S WORLD POPULATION DAY

http://www.unfpa.org/wpd/

Each year for the past 16 years, UNFPA offices in all parts of the world have raised awareness about important population and development issues by finding creative ways to publicize World Population Day. Please feel free to explore this multilingual site.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS DAY

http://www.specialolympics.org

July 20, 2006 is Special Olympics Day. Special Olympics is an international non-profit organization dedicated to empowering individuals with intellectual disabilities to become physically fit, productive and respected members of society through sports training and competition. Special Olympics offer children and adults with intellectual disabilities year-round training and competition in 26 Olympic-type summer and winter sports. There is no charge to participate in Special Olympics.

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THE JULY ZONE

Each month we feature the monthly page from Wikipedia, the free, on-line encyclopedia.
The page features an overview of the month, plus background and general information on the month itself. The actual monthly calendar, clickable day by day, gives a list of special events in history, famous birthdays, anniversaries, etc. for each day.

Here is the link for the month of July.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/July

Also, here are some special days in July:

VIA

http://espanol.ucanr.org/Calendario/July_2006.htm

MONTHLY CELEBRATIONS

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National Recreation and Parks Month

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Sources: Chase's Calendar of Events 2006

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AMERITRON AMPLIFIERS

Are you looking to pump up the power from your amateur radio rig? Ameritron, the "high power" specialist, offers an extensive selection of amplifiers for the serious amateur radio operator.

To view the various products available from Ameritron, please visit:

http://www.ameritron.com/products.php?catid=2

Please note that the prices indicated on the site are suggested list prices and are in U.S. dollars. For complete pricing and availability of Ameritron products in Canada, please contact Radio HF.

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THE RADIO ZONE

DX LINKS

http://www.geocities.com/Colosseum/Park/3232/dxlinks/index.htm

VIA Daniel Sampson, Arcadia, Wisconsin

This is a site for DX-listeners and radio hobbyists. DXing links, radio station links, links to media pages, station lists and databases, and many more... Over 4000 links, updated weekly.

HALLICRAFTERS COLLECTORS INTERNATIONAL

http://www.w9wze.org/MTM/

VIA Daniel Sampson, Arcadia, Wisconsin

This site is dedicated to all fans of vintage Hallicrafters radios! This is the home of all things HALLICRAFTERS -- equipment information, on-the-air HF Nets, email reflector, nostalgia, Hallicrafters Special Event Station W9WZE, shortwave listening

(which is most enjoyable when using a classic Hallicrafters receiver), and other features.

THE AM & FM DX'ERS RESOURCE

http://www.amfmdx.net/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This is a page of Links, Logs, Original Articles, and more, for the AM and FM DXer.

THE UNITED KINGDOM 6 METRE GROUP

http://www.uksmg.org

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The UKSMG is the foremost group dedicated to encouraging amateur radio operation on 50 MHz. (the 6 metre band) around the World.

THE XTAL SET SOCIETY

http://midnightscience.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Yes, you've found an entire site about building Crystal Sets. The Society has been growing over the past 13 years as word gets out to enthusiasts. Still, some people are flabbergasted to find an entire society dedicated to Crystal Set radios (or "Xtal Sets").

THE DIGITAL INFORMATION SOCIETY

http://www.phreak.org/html/main.shtml

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This web site is a wealth of information, articles, links etc. dealing with various aspects of the digital world.

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CUSHCRAFT LIGHTNING ARRESTORS

Summer is the time for thunder and lightning storms rolling throughout North America, and other parts of the world. Protect your amateur gear or your receivers with high quality lightning protection devices from Cushcraft.

For a complete line of these products from Cushcraft, please visit the following page:

http://www.cushcraft.com/Wireless_Product_Details.asp?
style_id=6&group_id=1918

and then, contact Radio HF for pricing and availability of these products.

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THE GENERAL ZONE

THE MEDIA AWARENESS NETWORK

http://www.media-awareness.ca/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

MNet is a Canadian non-profit organization that has been pioneering the development of media literacy programs since its incorporation in 1996. Members of our team have backgrounds in education, journalism, mass communications, and cultural policy. Working out of offices in Ottawa and Montreal, we promote media and Internet education by producing online programs and resources, working in partnership with Canadian and international organizations, and speaking to audiences across Canada and around the world. Note that this site is available in English and French.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS NETWORK

http://www.enn.com/index.html

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

For over twenty years, the Environmental News Network has published news, commentary, and information about how we live on earth. Our mission is simple: to provide a global perspective on environmental issues, and to promote thought, discussion, and awareness among our readers. We accomplish this by featuring content that is balanced, non-partisan, comprehensive and educational in nature.

DAILY SONIC

http://www.dailysonic.com/

VIA Yahoo Weekly Picks

This site offers a varied and vigorous gathering of segments on music, news, and food for thought, an eclectic offering in the spirit of public radio. But Dailysonic's got one up on its media modellisteners can take control, picking and choosing what to listen to via the site or by subscribing to categorized feeds. Skip over the daily headlines or avoid the word of the day if you desire. All you really want is an occasional dose of "F*ck You Robot" and music reviews? Simpledownload the individual shows. Or if you'd rather hear the full broadcast, sit back three times a week and learn about music, culture, politics, and tech the way the Dailysonic programmers crafted it.

ARAB MEDIA INTERNET NETWORK

http://www.amin.org/eng/index.html

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

News from a Palestinian viewpoint; has sections devoted to Israel and Jordan.

MEDIA MONITORS NETWORK

http://canada.mediamonitors.net/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Media Monitors Network (MMN) is NOT just 'another' news web-site or magazine but a non-profit, non-bias and non-political platform which mainly helps to prevail the whole truth and generally facilitate answers to any disputed, controversial topic being broadcast, web cast, published, distributed or telecast in the world media. MMN is seeking for the truth in most critical "hot topics" which can often be twisted by the world media.

ISIS INTERNATIONAL MANILA

http://www.isiswomen.org

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

ISIS is a feminist NGO dedicated to women's information and communication needs; documenting ideas and visions; creating channels to communicate. Collecting and moving information; networking and building links. We focus on those advancing women's rights, leadership and empowerment in Asia and the Pacific. With connections in over 150 countries, we also keep up with changing trends and analyses concerning women worldwide.

SUBWAY NAVIGATOR

http://www.subwaynavigator.com

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Subway Navigator gives you a direct access to the world's subways with subway maps, general information concerning the Official Transport Authority (official website, e-mail, timetable and fares if available), a route finder that helps you to find your itinerary from one station to another, and links to interesting places nearby the subway station you have selected.

ASTRONOMY ANSWERS

http://www.astro.uu.nl/~strous/AA/en/

VIA Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia

A collection of answers to astronomical questions prepared by the Astronomical Institute of Utrecth University in the Netherlands.

INTERNATIONAL METEOR ORGANIZATION

http://www.imo.net/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The International Meteor Organization was formed in 1988 and has more than 250 members now. IMO was created in response to an ever growing need for international cooperation of meteor amateur work. The collection of meteor observations by several methods from all around the world ensures the comprehensive study of meteor showers and their relation to comets and interplanetary dust.

THE AMERICAN GEOPHYSICAL UNION

http://www.agu.org/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The AGU is a worldwide scientific community that advances, through unselfish cooperation in research, the understanding of Earth and space for the benefit of humanity.

VOLCANOES OF THE WORLD

http://www.volcano.si.edu/world/index.cfm

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The data on worldwide volcanoes has been compiled by the Smithsonian Institute over the past three decades. The site provides detailed maps, general information and eruption history.

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BOOKS & PUBLICATIONS
NEW FROM THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE

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RSGB 1940S AMATEUR RADIO SPECIAL EDITION - 6 BOOKS SET.

Shortly after WWII the Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB) produced a hugely popular series of booklets detailing various aspects of Amateur Radio. This series of books published in 1947-1949 covered Amateur Radio as it was then. The RSGB is now re-issuing these booklets, in their original form as a special edition. Each book is a historical encapsulation of electronics as it was and what radio amateurs were doing with it. The set contains 6 booklets with a nearly 450 pages of fascinating material. Not only is this collection a historical master class in Amateur Radio, it provides an ideal understanding of the way the past has shaped the direction of current technology.
Books include:
VHF Technique - Propagation of VHF waves; VHF aerial systems; VHF transmitters; VHF receivers; VHF measurements; Frequency modulation. 96 pages
Transmitter Interference - Cooperation and goodwill; Interference to medium-wave broadcast reception; Interference curable at the transmitter; Interference curable at the receiver; Interference to television. 32 pages
Valve Technique - General considerations governing valve operation; Voltage amplifiers; Audio frequency power amplifiers; Radio frequency power amplifiers, frequency multipliers and oscillators; Detectors; Frequency changers; Power rectifiers; Special applications; Noise generated in valve amplifiers; Valves for VHF. 104 pages
Receivers - Fundamental principles; Principles of receiver design; Tuning circuits; Straight receivers; Superheterodyne receivers; Frequency-modulation receivers; Construction; Power supplies; Fault-finding, adjustments and calibration. 96 pages
Microwave Technique - Introduction to microwaves; Circuit elements - tuned circuits and cavity resonators; Circuit elements - waveguides; Circuit elements - valves; Transmitters and receivers; Aerials; Measurements. 68 pages
Simple Transmitting Equipment - Fundamentals; Aerials; Simple transmitters; Five-band 25-watt transmitter; Simple VFO circuit; Crystal-controlled frequency sub-standard. 52 pages

Size 184x120mm. Published by Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB). (ISBN: 1-905086-14-8) #9899 -- $29.95 Canadian.

All A.R.R.L. publications, as well as those of the Radio Society of Great Britain, Radio Amateurs of Canada, etc. are also available from Radio H.F. Please contact Radio H.F. for complete details, by e-mail at info@...

A new, updated book list is now available on the Radio HF webpage at http://www.radiohf.ca, under Publications.

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THE FUN & SERVICES ZONE

PATENTLY SILLY

http://www.patentlysilly.com/

VIA Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia

This page features real, but somewhat strange and bizarre, patents issued by the US Patent and Trademark Office.

PITCHFORK'S 100 AWESOME MUSIC VIDEOS

http://www.pitchforkmedia.com/article/feature/36588/Staff_List_100_Awesome_Music_Videos

VIA Yahoo Weekly Picks

The staff at Pitchfork, the online music mag, created this list of their 100 favorite music videos. With just two rulesthe clips must be available on the video-sharing site and they must be "roughly from the MTV era".

JEFF MILNER'S BACKMASKING

http://jeffmilner.com/backmasking.htm

VIA Yahoo Weekly Picks

We've all heard about mysterious messages hidden in songs, some of them uncovered when played backwards. Well, that's what Jeff has done on this site with several familiar songs which apparently have hidden messages in them, uncovered in these sound files.

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THE 2006 HAMFEST/FLEAMARKET AND SPECIAL EVENTS ZONE

Each month we list upcoming events, including hamfests, predominantly in Canada. NOTE: All times quoted are local. (Compiled by Vernon Ikeda VE2QQ, Pierrefonds, Quebec, and Radio Amateurs of Canada)

Saturday, August 5
Association Radio Experimentale du sud de Quebec (ARES) Hamfest, St. Romuald, Quebec
Location: St. Romuald Arena, Exit 318-N from Autoroute 20 in St. Romuald, Quebec
Time: 9 AM to 3 PM
Talk-in: 145.450
Information: Theo Goulet at 418-304-0684
E-mail: theogoulet@...
Web Page: http://www.aresqc.org
RADIO HF WILL BE THERE

Friday, August 18 - Saturday, August 19
10th Annual MARMFEST (Manitoba Amateur Radio Museum Hamfest) - Austin, Manitoba
Location: The Heritage Building on the grounds of The Manitoba Agricultural Museum, 75 miles west of Winnipeg then south 1 mile on highway #34 or 50 miles east of Brandon then south 1 mile on #34
Friday Registration: 16h00-18h00 - Saturday Registration: 08h30-13h00
Flea Market - Vendors 10h30 - public at 11h30
Registration 7.00$ - Flea market tables 5.00$
Talk-in: VE4MTR 146.910 (-) - Free admission to the Manitoba Agricultural Museum grounds when registered, food concession on site, shuttle service to the grounds, Supper Saturday night $8.00 children 4.00, Saturday night dance/party Music man, ladies

activities, flea market and meetings.
Information: David Syndal, VE4XN at (204)-728-2463
E-mail at: dsnydal@...co.ca
Web page: http://www.mts.net/~dsnydal/austin.html

Saturday, August 19
Brantford Amateur Radio Club Hamfest - Burford, Ontario
Location: Burford Fair Grounds, Park Avenue, South of Highway 53 (County Road 253), Burford, Ontario
Vendors at 07h30 and General Admission at 09h00 Closes at 15h00 (3 PM)
Tables: $8.00 + 5.00 person - Tailgaters: $4.00 plus 5.00 per person
General Admission: T.B.A. Talk-in: VE3TCR 147.150 (+)
Information: Ebe Habing, VE3EBH (519)-759-4952 or via E-mail: ehabing@...
Web page: http://ve3ba.com/default.asp?page=hamfest

Saturday, August 26
Victoria-Haliburton ARA Hamfest 2006 - Manvers Township, Ontario
Location: Manvers Arena, Corner of Hwy. 35 & 7A (20 km south of Lindsay, Ontario and 35 km north of Newcastle, Ontario).
Times: Vendors 07h00, Public 09h00
Admission $5.00 Vendor Tables $12 includes 1 admission.
Talk-in: VE3LNZ 147.195 (+)
Information/Reservations: Bob Schindler, VE3GG at (705) 878-4632
E-mail: ve3gg@...
Web page: http://www.va3kvd.ca/vhara/hamfest.htm

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THE RESOURCES ZONE

The following is a listing of clubs, groups, and radio broadcasts that may be of interest to you.

THE CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DX CLUB (CIDX)

CIDX is Canada's national radio monitoring club, serving radio hobbyists since 1962. Our monthly newsletter, MESSENGER, now published electronically, covers all aspects of the radio monitoring hobby.

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http://www.anarc.org/cidx/

THE INTERNATIONAL RADIO REPORT

The International Radio Report, now in its 19th year on CKUT-FM Radio McGill, 90.3 FM in Montreal, is available via the Internet on RealAudio, live streaming, and on the airwaves of CKUT, Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM Eastern (1430 UTC). The show's co-hosts, Janice and Steve Karlock, present a weekly half-hour of news, information and developments in radio broadcasting. Visit the Radio McGill web page for full CKUT programming:

http://www.ckut.ca

You may listen to archived editions of the programme through the Radio McGill web site. Send your comments or questions to the International Radio Report, by e-mail, to radioreport@...

RADIO CANADA INTERNATIONAL

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http://www.rcinet.ca

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